

Application No. 10/674,376  
Amendment dated May 17, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of February 14, 2005

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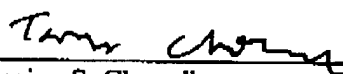
**REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the consideration shown by the Office Action mailed on February 14, 2005. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 24 and allowed claims 2-23, 25 and 26.

The February 14, 2005, Office Action has been carefully considered. After such consideration, Claims 1 and 24 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Applicants have provided a new declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date. Applicants submit that claims 2-23, 25 and 26 are in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully request such action. If, however, any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's counsel at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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